29	दमन और दीव	चावल	2.5
		गेहूं	0.75
30	दिल्ली	चावल	100.0
		गेहूं	360.0
31	लक्षद्वीप	चावल	—
32	पांडिचेरी	गेहूं	3.75
		चावल	10.0
		गेहूं	3,75
	कोड :	चावल	5254.42
		गेहूं	4173.54

Quantity and Cost of Sugar Imported

584. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity, sources and costs of sugar imported during each of the last four months;

(b) when did the different quantities of sugar arrive at the different Indian ports and when were the relevant quantitites lifted from the ports;

(c) how for the lack of cooperation and coordination between FCI and STC have delayed the lifting of the imported sugar stocks from the ports;

(d) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to expedite the lifting of imported sugar stocks from the ports;

(e) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration about delicencing of the sugar industry, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(f) by when a decision is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) The import of sugar has been allowed under open General Licence (OGL). As such, imports are being undertaken by Private Parties as well as by Public Sector Undertakings, namely, STC and MMTC. As regards private parties, a quantity of 4.72 lakh tonnes was imported (arrived in India) during the period March-June, 1994. Of this, a quantity of 3.43 lakh tonnes was unloaded till 30-6-94. Information regarding source, cost, etc. of the quantity imported by private parties is not available.

During the aforesaid period March, -June 1994, S.T.C. has imported 29,923 tonnes of sugar as per details given below :

S.No.	Quantity (M.Ts.)	Load Part	(C.I.F. Value)
1	10,034	Bankok (Thailand)	$ 42,13,626
2	19,889	Netherland	$ 84,27,252

The aforesaid quantity of the 29,923 tonnes has now been lifted by F.C.I. from the ports.

(c) STC and MMTC are fully cooperating and coordinating at present in the lifting of imported sugar stocks from the ports.

(d) The entire quantity of imported sugar relating to STC unloaded at the ports till yet has been lifted by the Food Corporation of India.

(e) and (f) The present policy of licensing, including the option of delicensing, is being examined in all aspects.

Import of Sugar

585. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the shorfall in sugar production this year was first perceived and the need for import of sugar assessed ;

(b) if so, the steps for import of sugar which were intiated by STC and MMTC;

(c) whether the delay in procurement of sugar from international market, was used by sugar cartels to corner sugar and import it through private channels, which resulted in loss to Government agencies, having been forced to pruchase it from abroad at rates so boosted; if, the total estimated loss incurred on this account;

(d) whether withdrawal of FCI orders for imports of sugar also resulted in any loss; and

(e) if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For augmenting supplies to the Public Distribution System STC and MMTC were directed to import sugar. So far these public sector undertakings have finalised contracts for import of about 9.34 lakh tonnes sugar. Out of this, about 0.84 lakh tonnes has already arrived at Indian shores.

(c) According to the Commerce Ministry, the prices at which STC and MMTC have imported sugar are in line with the import prices of the other Indian importers.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

Import of sugar

586. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether imported sugar has been exempted from regulatory measures relating to stock holding limits and transportation to ensure its free flow to consumers and its availability on reasonable and competitive rates:

(b) whether import of raw sugar has also been placed under open general licence; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the quantity of sugar imported this year so far through Government agenies and private avenues, separately; and

(d) what steps have been taken to prevent exploitation of the relaxations of regulations by vested interests?